

CONCERN OVER MIDDLE EAST

From: London

THE MIDDLE EAST WAS AT THE BOTTOM of the Agenda in the letter sent by Bulganin to the American President and the British Prime Minister. Whitehall considers this significant and an indication that the Middle East situation is the most important and immediately threatening one facing the world.

THE RUSSIANS ARE PREPARED to be accommodating about Western Europe, provided they can get their own way in the Middle East. This is not to be wondered at, since, once the Middle East is firmly under Communist control, Western Europe will have lost its last power of independent choice.

23 January 1958

"SMALL WARS"

From: Moscow via London

THE MIDDLE EAST continues to occupy Soviet thought. The Russians are now confident that they can obtain effective control of the Middle East, thus indirectly controlling Western Europe because of oil supplies, without serious risk of war.

ANTONOV CONCLUDED that this method of carrying on the fight for world domination is now ripe for use in the Middle East. The United States would not dare to intervene unless Russian forces were actively engaged. Russian policy, he reasoned, could be well satisfied without resort to active intervention because the ability of their satellite to win a limited engagement can be assured ahead of time.

RUSSIA AND THE EISENHOWER DOCTRINE

(From Moscow via London)

7 February 1957

KURDISH STRUGGLES FOR "FREEDOM" are told and re-told to keep up agitation in Turkey, Iraq and Iran (See INFORM of 12 December 1956).

Iraq: Egyptian Military Attaché, Lt. Colonel Kamel Ed Din el Hannan, and some Egyptian Embassy officials have been expelled for plotting to kill leading Iraqi politicians.

Arab Empire

MOSCOW ENVISAGES A VAST RED EMPIRE in Africa from the shores of the Mediterranean Southwards to a line drawn across Africa in the West to the Southern horn of the East. This would

4 October 1957

MOSCOW'S FIRST AIM is to deprive Europe of adequate oil supply - and that is why there will be no turning back in the Middle East. No one in London or Paris believes that the Eisenhower Doctrine will work in Syria.

8 November 1957
THE NEXT COMMUNIST ADVENTURE may be in the Far East, in order to allow the West to calm itself over present Middle Eastern and European fears. But the Middle East and Europe won't remain quiet for long.

MOSCOW EXPECTS WASHINGTON TO SEEK NEGOTIATION

From: London

MOSCOW EXPECTS THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT to sue for conciliation and "accommodation". To hasten the bid, Moscow heightens the pressure. To sow confusion, the Soviets are approaching Pakistan, Iran and Iraq, offering economic and military aid.

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TURKEY STANDS IN DEADLY PERIL and Iraq (Mesopotamia) and Iran (Persia) face future Soviet-staged revolutions. 12 December 1956

THE GENERAL PLAN is to create "national republican" regimes led by pro-Nasser extremists from both right and left. These political solutions agreed over a vast territory, including Iraq and Iran in the 2 August 1957.

Letter from London

PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN is now convinced that there will be war in the Middle East within the next eighteen months, and it is hoped in London that he found an opportunity to impress this on President Eisenhower.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE MONTGOMERY's recent statements to a House Committee have given European fears validity. The statements in question say: "We have noticed encouraging signs [in Egypt] of a growing realization of what constitutes true neutralism and what wholesale Soviet offers of assistance are worth in the long run"; and: "satellitization of the Middle East now seems less a danger than it did a few months ago".

19 June 1958

INCREASING IMPETUS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

From: Middle East Sources

Arab Fight for Leadership

A PROPAGANDA CONTEST is rapidly developing between Nasser's United Arab Republic and the Iraq-Jordan Federation. Competition is desperate for leadership of the Arabs and both are trying to put themselves forward as the real champions against Israel.

INCREASING CONCERN IS FELT in Western Europe at the news from the Middle East and there is a sharp apprehension that Washington does not appreciate the seriousness of the situation. INFORM's London Correspondent is convinced, after assessing a great number of reliable intelligence reports and conversations with informed observers from the trouble center, that the danger cannot possibly be overrated.

15 May 1958

Washington and Nasser

ALARMING RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING as to the American attitude towards Egypt, and Whitehall is considerably perturbed. A startling story from the Washington Correspondent of The Times of London appeared several weeks ago and seemed to confirm Whitehall's fears.

B. There is no sign of strong and decisive leadership in the West all the way from the U.S. through Britain, France and Germany. This lack of leadership will lead to the disintegration of N.A.T.O., S.E.A.T.O., the Baghdad Pact.

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ACCORDING TO THE TIMES STORY, the State Department now believes that Nasser is not closely linked with Moscow, and it is prepared to extend substantial concessions and benefits to the Cairo Government in order to conciliate Nasser and enable him to break with Communism.

THIS ASTONISHING STORY was accompanied, on other pages, by news of revolution in Lebanon underlined by the cutting of a pipeline and the total sacking and burning of the American libraries in Beirut and Tripoli.

THE PROGRESS OF REVOLUTION

From: Warsaw via Paris

9 May 1958

MOSCOW REGARDS THE PAN-ARAB field as a sector in the wide front of attack; it directs against the so-called capitalist system, specifically at isolating and comprising the United States.

BY THEIR ACTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, the Americans have handed the key to Western Europe to the Kremlin. Washington should think twice before allowing a fellow traveller movement again to do the Communist's work for them.

31 March 1958

29 October 1957

THERE'LL BE NEW SHOCKS; NEW CRISES. In between each will be a period of apparent conciliation and new "peace" moves. Then there'll be the final crisis. After that - war.